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Thirteen N.B. municipalities to benefit from gas tax fund for green infrastructure (07/08/28)

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PLASTER ROCK (CNB) - The municipality of Plaster Rock and 12 other New Brunswick municipalities will undertake essential improvements to local infrastructure after receiving their first payments under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-up Fund.



(Multimedia)

Other municipalities receiving funding are Beresford, Charlo, Dalhousie, Doaktown, Edmundston, Le Goulet, Maisonnnette, Miramichi, Pointe-Verte, St. Andrews, Saint-François, and Saint-Léonard.

The announcement was made today by Tobique-Mactaquac MP Mike Allen and Local Government Minister Victor Boudreau.

These New Brunswick municipalities will be using these funds for environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects such as: clean water; wastewater treatment; community-energy systems; solid waste management; public transit; capacity building, and transportation.

"This funding will allow these 13 communities to address local infrastructure needs and to improve the quality of life of their residents," Boudreau said. "Improving local infrastructure is a priority for New Brunswick. The Government of New Brunswick recognizes that municipalities are key players in the economic development of the province, and assisting them in building and maintaining secure and adequate infrastructure is another step in attaining self-sufficiency as a province."

"The Government of Canada is moving forward on its commitment to support environmentally sustainable infrastructure in communities across Canada," Allen said. "The funding announced today will enable these communities to proceed with important infrastructure projects that will result in a healthier environment and an improved quality of life for residents. We are working in partnership with the Province of New Brunswick to help deliver tangible results to communities across New Brunswick." He spoke on behalf of Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

The Government of Canada is providing \$116 million over five years to New Brunswick through the Gas Tax Fund, and the province is adding \$30 million in top-up funding. In total, \$146 million will be available to municipalities from 2005 to 2010 for investment in environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure.

To receive its first payment under the Gas Tax Fund, each municipality submitted a five-year capital investment plan for review by the province, and signed an agreement contract with the New Brunswick Department of Local Government to implement the plan.

Investment collaboration with provinces and municipalities is a key feature of the federal approach to infrastructure. Through its \$33-billion *Building Canada* plan, the government will provide long-term, stable and predictable funding to help meet infrastructure needs across Canada. *Building Canada* will support a stronger, safer and healthier country, through infrastructure projects that support cleaner air and water, a stronger economy, and a better quality of life for our communities.

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List of Projects:

Beresford - \$215,864

The Town of Beresford will undertake projects under the wastewater and water categories.

Charlo - \$70,864

The Village of Charlo will undertake projects under the wastewater category.

Dalhousie - \$194,396

The Town of Dalhousie will undertake projects under the wastewater category.

Doaktown - \$46,702

The Village of Doaktown will undertake projects under the transportation infrastructure and water categories.

Edmundston - \$849,620

The City of Edmundston will undertake projects under the capacity building, transportation infrastructure and wastewater categories.

Le Goulet - \$47,390

The Village of Le Goulet will undertake projects under the wastewater category.

Maisonnette - \$29,588

The Village of Maisonnette will undertake projects under the community energy systems and active transportation infrastructure categories.

Miramichi - \$905,124

The City of Miramichi will undertake projects under the wastewater and water categories.

Plaster Rock - \$59,614

The Village of Plaster Rock will undertake projects under the transportation infrastructure, water and wastewater categories.

Pointe-Verte - \$50,908

The Village of Pointe-Verte will undertake projects under the wastewater category.

St. Andrews - \$91,402

The Town of St. Andrews will undertake projects under the water and wastewater categories.

Saint-François - \$27,974

The Village of Saint-François will undertake projects under the community energy systems and wastewater categories.

Saint-Léonard - \$67,732

The Town of Saint-Léonard will undertake projects under the wastewater and water categories.

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